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**BALTIMORE MAN SENTENCED TO 24 YEARS
FOR DRUG DEALING AND HANDGUN POSSESSION**

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that U.S. District Judge Catherine C. Blake sentenced Charles Henry Robinson, age 46, from Baltimore, Maryland today to 292 months in prison followed by four years of supervised release after a federal jury convicted him on July 23, 2003 of possession with intent to distribute cocaine base, possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, and of possessing a firearm after having been convicted of a crime punishable by more than one year of imprisonment.

Mr. Robinson was arrested at his home in Baltimore during the execution of a search warrant by Baltimore City Police. Located in his basement was over five grams of crack cocaine and a loaded firearm.

This case was investigated by the Baltimore City Police, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ari S. Casper.